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## **Macomb County Names Finance Director**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – The Macomb County Board of Commissioners has named Gilbert Chang as the county's Finance Director.

Chang is a former employee of General Motors Corporation, where he gained nearly 30 years of experience in various financial positions throughout the company.

According to Macomb County Commissioner Irene Kepler, who is also chair of the Finance Committee, Chang's solid, non-government experience brings a fresh perspective and innovative approach to today's financial challenges.

"He has a great vision for moving the county forward and a refreshing ability to effectively communicate financial information, and I think that's exactly what we need for the county," said Kepler, who also led the Ad Hoc Committee responsible for interviewing the candidates. "He will be a good complement to our already strong government finance team."

Former Finance Director, David Diegel, retired in January. In the interim, Assistant Finance Director John Foster filled in as director.

Commissioner Brian Brdak, chair of the Budget Committee, said he believes Foster and Chang's combined knowledge are an asset to the county's future financial picture.

"We believe that with John's knowledge of the county finances and Gilbert's fresh perspective, Macomb County will continue its history of strong fiscal responsibility" he said.

A resident of Sterling Heights, Chang earned his Bachelor of Science in Math/Economics from Roberts Wesleyan College, graduating Cum Laude. He earned his MBA in Finance from Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York.

Chang is expected to begin his finance director responsibilities on March 29.